(b) if so, the total quantity of rice provided by the Union Government to the State, under this scheme;

(c) to what extent the State Government has utilised it so far; and

(d) whether the State Government has urged the Centre to provide more rice to meet the needs of drought affected people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) Distribution of relief on ground is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. The Government of Andhra Pradesh have been allocated a quantity of 8.50 lakh tonnes of rice free of cost for Food for Work Programme. Besides, 2.45 lakh MTs of rice at Below Poverty Line (BPL) was also allocated to the State.

Agricultural Technology Information Centres in Rajasthan and Orissa

2745. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Agricultural Technology Information Centres set-up in Rajasthan and Orissa, district-wise;

(b) the details of expenditure incurred by the Central Government for the said job in those States, during the last three years, till date; and

(c) the necessary action taken by Government to impart training to farmers, so that they could get knowledge of the said technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have sanctioned for establishment of three Agricultural Technology Information Centres (ATIC) in Rajasthan, *viz.*, Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner, Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur, and Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur and two in Orissa, *viz.*, Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubneshwar, and Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Khurda.

(b) During the last three years and till date, an amount of

Rs. 111.40 lakhs and Rs. 71.98 lakhs have been released by the Council to Rajasthan and Orissa, respectively for the purpose.

(c) The Council have already established Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) to impart training to farmers in various districts of the States. During the last one year, 46,372 and 6,376 farmers including farmwomen and rural youths have been trained by the KVKs of Rajasthan and Orissa, respectively.

Funding under Central Schemes for Soil Conservation etc.

2746. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Centrally sponsored schemes of Soil Conservation in Catchment of River Valley Projects (Integrated Watershed Development in Flood Prone Rivers merged with this scheme); Integrated Development of Tropical and Temperate Zone Fruits; production and supply of vegetable seeds, development of commercial floriculture;

(b) the criteria for allocating funds under each scheme to States and corresponding Central share; whether these funds would be given to States as 100 per cent grant or whether it would follow the usual 70/30 (loan/grant) formula for Plan assistance; and

(c) the State-wise details of proposals received, funds released and utilized during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The Centrally Sponsored Schemes on Soil Conservation in Catchments of River Valley Projects and Watershed Development in Flood Prone Rivers merged with this scheme; Integrated Development of Tropical and Temperate Zone Fruits; production and supply of vegetable seeds, development of commercial floriculture; alongwith other Centrally Sponsored Schemes (a total of 27 Centrally Sponsored Schemes) have been subsumed under a single Scheme entitled "Macro Management Scheme" with effect from October, 2001. These Schemes are no longer in existence at present as individual entities. The salient features of Macro Management